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1. AT THIS POINT THERE IS RELATIVELY LITTLE TO LIST.
(A) PERSONNEL: WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN YOUR HAVING
A LOOK AT PETER SPAULDING, THE NEW RSO WHO HAS BEEN
NAMED TO TAKE ROYAL KASTENS' PLACE. YOU MAY WANT TO
LOOK INTO WHOEVER IS BEING CONSIDERED AS ANN CHILD'S
REPLACEMENT WHEN SHE LEAVES HERE ON RETIREMENT AT
THE END OF SEPTEMBER. I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR
SCANNING THE FILE ON WALTER MANGER WHO, AS YOU MAY
RECALL, IS PETER TOMSEN'S REPLACEMENT-DESIGNATE IN
THE POLITICAL SECTION. MINERALS ATTACHE AND SCI-
COUNSELOR ARE SELECTED. NO PROBLEMS HERE. (B) THE
EMBASSY HOSPITAL: I GATHER THAT THIS MOVING AHEAD
BUT WE ARE ALL SOMEWHAT VAGUE ON EXACTLY WHERE IT IS.
YOU MIGHT CHECK WITH WILLIAMSON NYDELL, AND/OR TOUHY
(FBL). (C) DAO IS GETTING A NEW ASST AIRATT
(CAPTAIN GIBSON) AUG 24, BUT WE SHOULD GET WORD
SOON ON A PROSPECTIVE AIRATT. HI WOULD YOU CHECK THAT
WITH DIA? (D) VISITORS: WE WILL HAVE CONGRESSMAN
CEDERBERG AND SENS JAVITS AND EAGLETON ALL HERE THE
THIRD WEEK IN AUGUST (BUT PROBABLY NOT AT THE SAME
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TIME). WE HOPE WE MAY HAVE MORE TO TELL YOU AFTER

CEDERBERG'S VISIT ON RUPEES. LANDE AND BERKMAN HAVE WORKED UP SOME MATERIAL BUT WE ARE WAITING UNTIL CEDERBERG'S VISIT. EAGLETON WILL SEE THE PM, AND POSSIBLY CEDERBERG AND JAVITS AS WELL. IF THEY COME ALL BUNCHED UP BUT SEPARATELY WE MAY FIND OURSELVES OVERLOADING THE CIRCUITS.

2. DENNIS CAN FILL YOU IN ON THE SUBCOMMISSION BUSINESS. AT THIS POINT NOTHING ADDITIONAL THAT WE SUGGEST YOU DO DIRECTLY. POSSIBLY SOMETHING WILL TURN UP IN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS. WE'LL LET YOU KNOW.

3. FBO (ASIDE FROM THE HOSPITAL) OFFERS NO PROBLEMS. GSO IS COLLECTING BIDS ON THE GREATER KAILASH HOUSES AND THESE WILL BE OPENED AUG 25 AND THEN SENT ON TO WASHINGTON. IF, BY THE TIME YOU GET BACK, ST JOHN'S ISN'T OUT OF OMB, YOU'LL WANT TO WORK ON THAT.

4. CALCUTTA CONSULAR DISTRICT PROBLEM IS ONE I SENT DENNIS A LETTER ON LAST WEEK. WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHETHER THE DEPT WANTS TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE GOI OR JUST YAK-YAK. WE'VE GOT NOWHERE TO GO UNLESS WE DECIDE WE WANT TO "GET TOUGH" ON THEIR CONSULAR DISTRICTS. OR AT LEAST THAT'S HOW I READ YOUR LAST TALK WITH CHHATWAL.

5. THUS FAR I DO NOT FEEL ANY SERIOUS PROBLEM IN POLITICAL REPORTING FROM MADRAS AND CALCUTTA. I DON'T THINK WE WOULD BE DOING TOO MUCH TRAVELING AT THIS TIME ANYWAY, AND WHILE COVERAGE IN THE CONSULAR CITIES MAY SLACKEN OFF SOMEWHAT ONCE GREENE LEAVES MADRAS, WE CAN PROBABLY CONTINUE TO GET BY. OF COURSE, WE WERE OPPOSED- TO TAKING THE POLITICAL OFFICER CUTS FROM THE BEGINNING AND IF WE CAN GET THE POSITIONS BACK, WE CAN OBVIOUSLY DO MORE. IF YOU CAN GET A BETTER SENSE OF WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS FEEL THEY ARE MISSING, WE MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE THEM A BETTER RADING OF WHETHER POLITICAL OFFICERS IN THE CONGENS COULD FILL THE BILL. IN SOME RESPECTS, AT THIS TIME
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THERE IS LESS POLITICAL POOP TO BE GARNERED SINCE PARTY LIFE HAS DIMMED TO INVISIBILITY EXCEPT FOR CONGRESS, PEOPLE ARE MORE CAREFUL ABOUT TALKING, AND NOT MUCH POLITICAL ACTIVITY IS GOING ON THAT ANOTHER OFFICER WOULD HELP US GLEAN. IF IT IS CONTINGENCIES THAT ARE THE CONCERN, K'D SUGGST WE BE INSTRUCTED TO REASSESS THE SITUATION AROUND DECEMBER 1.

6. AS YOU CAN SEE, WE'RE BUSY, BUT WITH DENNIS'
HELP, ALL SEEMS UNDER CONTROL. AMBASSADOR HAS NO
SPECIAL MISSIONS FOR YOU. WE'LL CHECK IN AGAIN AUG
22. HAVE A GREAT VACATION.
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